

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) announced that the House will vote on legislation that includes funding she requested in H.R. 2638, The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act. The bill includes funding Bean requested for the following projects.

Wide Area Sensor for Force Protection Targeting for manned and unmanned aircraft surveillance for the U.S. Navy: \$1,600,000 for developing the wide area sensor program to build a deployable day/night, wide-area, persistent surveillance system to provide real-time surveillance for combat troops in theater. These technologies will be integrated into a comprehensive surveillance system suitable for manned, or unmanned, and long endurance missions.

Ultra-Wide Coverage Visible Near Infrared Sensor for Force Protection for the U.S. Navy: \$1,200,000 for developing, integrating and demonstrating a new visible/near infrared sensor that would be used for airborne persistence surveillance. The advanced sensor technologies will be incorporated to include high resolution, high quantum efficiency, very large format visible / near IR detectors coupled with high fidelity, geo-spatially accurate optics. These technologies will be integrated into a comprehensive surveillance system suitable for manned, or unmanned, and long endurance missions.